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A Chinese Labor Union

A new feature of the labor situation as affecting the relations between whites and orientals was introduced by the Chinese in and about Vancouver as a result of the recent rioting. The Chinese, say press dispatches, promptly formed a castiron union of their own, resolved that the term "cheap laborers" should no longer apply to them and that none of them would work for less than \$2.50 per day, and they proceeded to carry out their policy by calling a strike which for effectiveness outdoes anything Americans have yet achieved. The Chinese have not the same idea of personal independence and freedom that Americans have, and when delegations from the union informed workers that the order to strike had been given, in some cases with hints that those who disobeyed might soon interest the undertaker, there were, it is stated, no "scabs." Incidentally the Chinese, joined with Japanese in this respect, gave notice that if certain threats to attack the oriental quarter were carried out, they were ready to reduce Vancouver to ashes.

The new feature of the action of these Chinese is their resentment of the term "cheap laborers." In the opinion of many people, there would not be much prejudice against oriental laborers but for their cheapness. Certainly it is the argument much used by labor agitators against Chinese. Perhaps if from the first the Chinese in America had maintained a high wage rate, the sandlot riots would never have occurred, there would have been no Chinese exclusion law, and the profound hatred of America which now permeates much of China, and which some day may bring a terrible reckoning, would never have developed. American workmen, as has been shown, will shoot down fellow countrymen who cut wages, so it is only natural that they should soon develop a bitter feeling against a race which has always done it.

Work For Pearl Harbor

There is no need of bringing local personal enmities into discussion of the Pearl harbor matter. Doubtless there are people in Honolulu who would rather see no appropriations at all than have them secured in a manner that might entitle Thurston to public credit, but they are not numerous and betray an attitude so small that they may be ignored. The Star does not advocate Thurston, but it does think that some man of ability and energy and Washington acquaintance might do a lot of effective work for the Pearl harbor proposition, which is vital to the interests of the community. There are other men who might be a success, but so far the name of Thurston is the only one that has been suggested, probably because of the unquestioned effectiveness of his work for the Hilo breakwater. In that matter he had great aid from the work done by the commission which went from here to work for the refund bill, for though the commission didn't get a refund bill, it paved the way for big appropriations. We have now a lot more friends in Congress, but they are representing other places and their thoughts are not upon us. The work that a representative citizen, devoting himself to the matter, can do, is to help our delegate in keeping the matter alive. Delegate Kubio and Thurston have worked together before and the delegate is presumably happy to have all the effective assistance he can get.

Aside from the utterly puerile and ridiculous notion that sending a man to work such an important proposition is a "private junket" scheme, the only opposition so far offered to the plan is that it will "give us the reputation of maintaining a lobby." In reply to the junket argument it is only necessary to say that, whether it be Thurston or anyone else, the man whom Honolulu sends, should it be thought best to send a representative, will be too big a man to think of junkets or petty pocket expenses. As for the lobby, Hawaii has hardly ever been without one, and has one now, kept up at great expense. It would be better if we had a lot more, of the right kind. The more representative citizens we can have in Washington urging our interests the better. The objectionable kind of a lobby is one working for private interests, but even this kind is not always wrong. It is a feature of every legislative body in America, from the Senate to town councils.

Mr. Morgan offers the argument that the matter seems to be progressing all right anyhow and that "we will not be overlooked." He may feel confident that we shall get the long-awaited appropriations without doing anything to help, but there are some who doubt, remembering long delays of the past. Certainly the matter is important enough to the community to justify putting forward every possible effort. A real commencement of work at Pearl harbor will make a new Honolulu.

"Police Reticence"

The Advertiser is very sensitive on the subject of the local police. Accusing The Star this morning of being unfortunate in its choice of examples of what it chooses to call "police reticence," it furnishes in its own news columns a new example. A homicide took place on a steamer in the harbor last night and the Advertiser's account thereof is certainly lacking in many ordinarily published facts.

Of course there is no special public interest involved in the publication of details of a murder of this sort. Many people are, however, interested, and they are popularly supposed to have a right to know the facts, which the newspapers usually give. In a general way, it may be said that the public should be kept informed as much as is possible, or compatible with proper conduct of the police department, of what it is doing. This is really for the benefit of those conducting the department, if they are doing so in a competent manner. Col. Iaukea holds an elective office. He is constantly making up reports which show how much better the criminal statistics are now than they were under his predecessor. What attention will be paid to them if it is known that crime is constantly concealed? It has usually been found that one of the greatest aids to police work is publicity, though this does not mean an indiscriminate announcement of all that is known or under investigation. The Star will venture the assertion that the evidence which caused Lionel Hart to confess an atrocious crime was secured by Sheriff Iaukea as a direct result of the publicity given to the warehouse fire.

Lieut Grant To Marry Miss Root



MISS EDITH ROOT

When Lieut. U. S. Grant, 3rd, becomes the husband of Miss Edith Root, daughter of the Secretary of State, two famous American families will have been united. This marriage will occur in the Fall and will be probably solemnized in Washington at the home of the bride's parents.

Following his graduation from West Point, to which he was appointed as a cadet by President McKinley on the application of his grandfather, which was endorsed by General William T. Sherman, and after two years service in the Philippines, Lieut. Grant served as an aide to President Roosevelt at the White House and there first met Miss Root. He is a son of General Frederick Dent Grant, is 26 years old and of handsome physique and features.

Miss Root is an only daughter but not in a strict sense fond of society. She is a very studious and fond of cross-country riding. In Washington and at her country home at Clinton, N. Y., she drives a smart trap. She made her debut several seasons since, while her father was Secretary of War.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT

WAILUKU, September 21.—Clarence W. Ashford came up by Tuesday's steamer from Honolulu and filed a suit against the Kihel Plantation Company for fifteen thousand dollars as damages for converting to its use land claimed by Patrick Cockett and others.

The land in question is the burial place of the progenitors of the plaintiffs.

It is claimed that the graves were plowed up and converted into cane fields while the plaintiffs were owners of the property.

The case will probably be heard during the October term.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU. MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY.

Station, Honolulu, T. H.; month August, 1907.

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Precipitation	Ch'r	Wind
1.....	82	72	78	.06	Pt	Cldy
2.....	81	71	76	.11	Pt	Cldy
3.....	82	72	77	.05	Pt	Cldy
4.....	82	74	78	0	Clear	
5.....	82	74	78	0	Pt	Cldy
6.....	82	74	78	.04	Pt	Cldy
7.....	81	69	75	.30	Pt	Cldy
8.....	81	70	76	.09	Pt	Cldy
9.....	81	72	76	.20	Cloudy	
10.....	84	73	78	.01	Pt	Cldy
11.....	83	75	79	T	Pt	Cldy
12.....	84	74	79	0	Clear	
13.....	83	75	79	0	Clear	
14.....	82	74	78	T	Pt	Cldy
15.....	80	71	76	.36	Cloudy	
16.....	80	75	78	.09	Cloudy	
17.....	82	74	78	.01	Cloudy	
18.....	83	72	79	.16	Cloudy	
19.....	84	75	80	0	Cloudy	
20.....	85	77	81	0	Pt	Cldy
21.....	83	74	78	0	Pt	Cldy
22.....	83	74	78	0	Clear	
23.....	84	75	80	0	Clear	
24.....	84	74	79	.01	Clear	
25.....	83	75	79	T	Clear	
26.....	84	74	79	T	Pt	Cldy
27.....	82	75	78	.02	Pt	Cldy
28.....	82	73	78	.01	Pt	Cldy
29.....	83	74	78	0	Clear	
30.....	84	73	78	0	Clear	
31.....	84	72	78	0	Pt	Cldy

Mean.....82.6 73.4 78.0 1.52

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

Mean, 29.98; highest, 30.08; date, 1st; lowest, 29.90; date, 29th.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest, 85; date, 20th; lowest, 69; date 7th.

Greatest daily range, 12; date, 31st.

Least daily range, 5; date, 16th.

Mean for this month in 1890, 78; 1891,

80; 1892, 79; 1893, 78; 1894, 77; 1895,

79; 1896, 79; 1897, 79; 1898, 78; 1899,

79; 1900, 80; 1901, 79; 1902, 79; 1903, 78;

1904, 78; 1905, 77; 1906, 79; 107, 78.

Mean of this month for 13 years, 78.6.

Absolute maximum for this month for 13 years, 85.

Absolute minimum for this month for 13 years, 63.

Average daily excess (+) or deficiency (-) of this month as compared with mean of 13 years, -0.6.

Accumulated excess (+) or deficiency (-) since January 1, +53.

Average daily excess (+) since January 1, +0.2.

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